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Dear Mr. Braxton:

Tenneco Minerals Company has revised its Notice of Intention to address the comments raised in your letter dated February 4. As you suggested, the replacement pages have been numbered so that they can be inserted directly into the original document.

We have sent five samples of sulfide ore in for analysis of acid forming potential. The results will be submitted under separate cover as soon they are received.

You will note that we have committed to 2:1 slopes in all but two small areas. These are discussed in detail in the revised reclamation plan.

One of your comments on the hydrology section needs to be addressed in this cover letter. The third paragraph on page 2 deals with the size of the storm runoff impoundment.

It is true that the total runoff volume from the 100 year, 24 hour storm, is 25.4 acre feet. However, as described on page 8 of the Notice, 4.6 acre feet of the runoff from drainages 4, 7 and 8 will be stored in the three solution ponds. Therefore, the total runoff capacity needed at the impoundment is $25.4 - 4.6 = 20.8$ acre feet. The three year sediment storage volume is 0.5 acre feet, for a total necessary capacity of 21.3 acre feet.

Page 8 of the Notice also states that Tenneco will clean sediment out of the impoundment as needed. Therefore, the three-year design storage capacity for sediment should not be an issue to the Division. The design capacity will simply affect Tenneco's maintenance schedule.

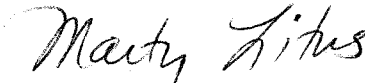
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I believe the rest of your comments have been adequately addressed in our resubmittal. Please contact me or Mike Stairwalt if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

TENNECO MINERALS COMPANY



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Enclosures

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